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The Common Security Label (CSL) and the Standard Security Label (SSL) developed by NIST (FIPS 188) have been extensively coordinated so that the standards portion of both be essentially identical. In addition the CSL will be revised to reference the SSL. Once the SSL is published, however, the revised CSL will have no impact on Project Managers that implement this version of the CSL. The CSL differs from the SSL in that the CSL contains standards implementation guidance for DoD Program Managers with imminent acquisitions. No implementation guidance is contained in (or planned for) the SSL.

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## 5.5 Tag Classes

Tags are divided into tag classes. When used to support current DoD policy, the label numbers 1,2, and 5 defined in this document belong to the Mandatory Access Control (MAC) Sensitivity class and support the MAC Sensitivity Security policy. They each represent a different method for representing a MAC sensitivity label consisting of a level and a set of categories. Tag number 6 is a Release Category Tag.

### 5.5.1 Security Policy and Procedures

The security policy associated with a tag class defines how the attributes are to be used to make security decisions. A CSL may include multiple tags.

For current DoD systems and policy, the processing procedures below provide a detailed description of steps for transmitting packets from a "source" system, processing packets through an "intermediate" system, and receiving packets at a "destination" system. Section 5.6 describes the general processing procedures. Additional procedures specific to each tag class then follow.

In this document, source and destination systems are also known as "end" systems. Further, an intermediate system differs from an end system in that it does not process a protocol data unit above the (network) layer. End systems may also act as intermediate systems when forwarding packets between networks. Routers are examples of intermediate systems and need only implement the procedures defined for these systems.

### 5.5.2 Registration of Unique Tag Types

NIST is the US Registration Authority of Security

Objects. All developers and implementers of communications systems that utilize security labels and that are not closed and experimental should apply to NIST for DOI Identifier Numbers.

The procedures and sample forms for registration are in NISTIR 5308, "General Procedures for Registering Computer Security Objects," published by the US Department of Commerce, Technology Administration, NIST, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. The current address of the NIST Registration Authority is:

Computer Security Objects Register  
National Institute of Standards and Technology  
Computer Systems Laboratory  
Program Coordination and Support Group  
BLDG 225, Rm B151  
Gaithersburg, MD 20899  
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## 5.6 Processing Procedures

The processing procedures defined in this section provide implementation guidance showing the basic procedures for TCP/IP that existing CSL implementations provide. Additional procedures then follow for specific tag classes.

### 5.6.1 Source System

The CSL source system performs the following steps prior to transmitting a protocol data unit. Some of these steps lead to auditable events for specific security policies.

- a. Get the required security attributes associated with the data to be included in the protocol data unit.

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- b. Select a DOI to use based on the security attributes and destination address.

- c. End-system attribute values are converted to the values associated with the DOI chosen, if necessary.

- d. The appropriate tags are constructed to hold the security attributes and placed in the CSL.

- e. The CSL is placed in the header.

- f. The protocol data unit will be rejected if its transmission violates local security policy. A configuration parameter (which is a name for a programming variable) OUT-VIOLATION-MSG is used to determine if an error message is to be sent to the upper layer protocol. If OUT-VIOLATION-MSG is set to 1 then an error message is passed to the upper layer protocol. If OUT-VIOLATION-MSG is set to 0

then no message is sent. The default value for OUT-VIOLATION-MSG is 1. A log of all violations should be kept in an audit log.

#### 5.6.2 Intermediate System

In the case that intermediate systems process the label, intermediate systems perform the following steps in processing each protocol data unit:

- a. Since an end system may also be an intermediate

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#### 6.0 Key Words

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Common Security Label  
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IXMP  
IXMP Working Group for Security  
Label Standard  
Mandatory Access Control(MAC)  
Sensitivity Security Class Tags  
Registration  
Release Markings Security Policy (RMSP)Security Label  
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